

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION POLICY RECOMMENDATION

RPD Policy and Procedures

Rationale for the Policy Recommendation:

The Community Police Review Commission recently reviewed a case in which one of the officers involved was engaged in an ongoing P.O.P. project that he had initiated. While the officer's initiative is laudable, his tactics led to at least two citizen complaints and ultimately resulted in his supervisors having to take a more active role in his project. During the review of one of the complaint cases, the Commission found that the Department had nothing in writing on file regarding the project proposal and that the proposal was submitted by the officer in verbal form and any approval was verbal.

Policy Recommendation:

1. The Community Police Review Commission recommends that the Riverside Police Department should adopt a policy whereby P.O.P. project proposals are submitted, in writing and are given supervisory approval before being initiated. While the Commission leaves the elements of the proposal to the Department, the Commission suggests that the proposal include the following:

- Reason for the proposed project
- Goal of the project
- Law or laws to be used in taking enforcement action
- Tactics to be used
- Length of project
- Resources to be used (time away from other duties, manpower, overtime)
- Projected cost
- Community feedback (if applicable)

The Commission leaves to the Department the level of supervision required to approve the project. The Commission also believes that there should be a monitoring mechanism established and that there be a periodic reporting of the project's results, as defined by the Department.

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Community Police Review Commission